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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1994

1. BELOW IS AF, IO AND L PRESS GUIDANCE ON RWANDA.
2. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: REPORTS ON 'KILLING' PLANS
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Q: THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT SET UP
PLANS TO KILL ALL THE TUTSIS LONG AGO. IS THAT TRUE?

A: WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS.

THERE WERE REPORTS PRIOR TO ONSET OF THE CURRENT CRISIS
THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S POLITICAL PARTY (THE MRND)
AND THE EXTREMIST HUTU CDR PARTY WERE ARMING AND TRAINING
PARTY MILITIAS. WE RAISED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THESE
REPORTS WITH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AND OTHER OFFICIALS,
BUT THEY DENIED ANY WRONGDOING.

3. IO PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: CURRENT SITUATION

Q: PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE FIGHTING AND UN PEACE
EFFORTS IN RWANDA. ARE THERE ANY TALKS UNDERWAY? IF SO,
WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT THEM? WHO IS PARTICIPATING? CAN WE
CHARACTERIZE THEM?

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A: UN SOURCES REPORT THAT HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES TODAY IN KIGALI BETWEEN RPF AND GOVERNMENT FORCES. HOWEVER, UNAMIR FORCES WERE ABLE YESTERDAY TO ESCORT 550 RWANDAN CIVILIANS OUT OF THE CITY FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS; 300 WERE TAKEN TO RPF-CONTROLLED AREAS AND 250 WENT TO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED AREAS. THE RPF SAID IT WILL ESCORT UNAMIR OBSERVERS TO GITARAMA TOMORROW OR THURSDAY TO CONFIRM THAT IT HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THAT CITY.

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ANOTHER ROUND OF CEASE-FIRE TALKS UNDER UNAMIR AUSPICES IS BEING HELD TODAY IN KIGALI. THE TALKS ARE CHAIRED BY THE UNAMIR DEPUTY COMMANDER, GENERAL ANIYIDHO OF GHANA. THE RPF AND GOVERNMENT SIDES ARE USUALLY LED BY OFFICERS AT THE RANK OF COLONEL. THE RPF CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST AGREE, AS PRECONDITIONS FOR A CEASE-FIRE, TO STOP THE MASSACRES AND SILENCE RADIO BROADCASTS FROM HUTU EXTREMISTS. THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS IT DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT CONTROL OVER EITHER OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

UNAMIR COMMANDER DALLAIRE TOLD THE PRESS OVER THE WEEKEND THAT HE IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT A CEASE-FIRE IN THE NEAR-TERM BECAUSE BOTH SIDES APPEARED DISPOSED NOT TO QUIT FIGHTING UNTIL THEIR RESOURCES ARE EXHAUSTED.

4. L PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: GENOCIDE

Q: YESTERDAY YOU SAID THAT YOU HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ACTS OF GENOCIDE ARE OCCURRING IN RWANDA? WHICH ACTS CONSTITUTE GENOCIDE?

A: WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC INCIDENTS AT THIS TIME. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS OF INTER-ETHNIC KILLING AND VIOLENCE IN RWANDA. THE CIRCUMSTANCES STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT MANY OF THESE ACTS WERE PERPETRATED WITH THE INTENT TO WIPE OUT AN ETHNIC GROUP IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND ARE THEREFORE ACTS OF GENOCIDE. THIS IS THE REASON THAT WE HAVE STATED THAT WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ACTS OF GENOCIDE HAVE

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OCCURRED IN RWANDA.

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR APPOINTED BY THE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE VIOLENCE IN
RWANDA.

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